

Amendments to the Claims:

Cancellation of all rejected claims, nos. 6, 8 and 13, is requested.

Listing of Claims:

1 (Previously presented) A power transmission chain comprising:
the chain having a front side adapted to drive a front side drive sprocket and a backside adapted to drive a backside drive sprocket;
a first series of links comprising a plurality rows of links positioned adjacent to each other and separated along a chain direction, the rows of the first series of links including:
a guide link and a drive link, the guide link separated from the drive link in a first lateral direction that is perpendicular to the chain direction, and the guide link and the drive link being substantially the same length along the chain direction;
a second series of links comprising a plurality rows of links positioned adjacent to each other and separated along the chain direction, the rows of the second series of links including:
a guide link and a drive link, the guide link separated from the drive link in a second lateral direction that is perpendicular to the chain direction and opposite the first lateral direction, the guide link and the drive link being substantially the same length along the chain direction;
the drive links of the first and second series each comprising two front side chain teeth extending from the drive link along the front side of the chain in a direction that is perpendicular to the chain direction and also perpendicular to the first and second lateral directions, the two front side chain teeth are adjacent to each other along the chain direction, and the two front side chain teeth define a region between the two front side chain teeth to accept a front side drive sprocket tooth;
the drive links of the first and second series of links defining a backside surface opposite the two front side chain teeth, the backside surface comprising two backside drive flanks facing

at least in part along the chain direction, one backside drive flank being disposed at a first end of the drive link along the chain direction and another backside drive flank being disposed at a second end of the drive link opposite the first end of the drive link along the chain direction, the drive flanks at the first and second ends of the drive links spaced from each other by a distance that permits the drive flanks to contact driving surfaces of adjacent teeth of the backside drive sprocket;

the guide links of the first and second series extend adjacent to the region between the two front side chain teeth of the drive links;

the rows of the first series of links are separated along the chain direction by a distance that is less than a length along the chain direction of the links of the second series,

the rows of the second series of links are separated along the chain direction by a distance that is less than a length along the chain direction of the links of the first series;

the first series of links and the second series of links are interleaved along the chain direction so that a row of links of the second series is positioned between and extending adjacent to links of adjacent rows of the first series and a row of links of the first series is positioned between and extending adjacent to links of adjacent rows of the second series,

the drive link of each interleaved row of the first series extending between and adjacent to the drive link and guide link of each row of the second series adjacent to the drive link of the row of the first series and the drive link of each interleaved row of the second series extending between and adjacent to the drive link and guide link of each row of the first series adjacent to the drive link of the row of the second series;

each row of links of the first series are pivotally connected to each row of links of the second series interleaved with the row of links of the first series at locations near the ends of the links of the first series along the chain direction where the adjacent rows of the first series of links and the second series of links are interleaved;

each row of links of the second series are pivotally connected to each row of links of the first series interleaved with the row of links of the second series at locations near the ends of the

links of the second series along the chain direction where the adjacent rows of the first series of links and second series of links are interleaved;

wherein separations along the chain direction between ends of drive links of adjacent rows of the first series of links are adjacent to the drive links of the second series of links and separations along the chain direction between ends of drive links of adjacent rows of the second series of links are adjacent to the drive links of the first series of links and the guide links of alternate rows of links along the chain direction are positioned on opposite lateral sides of the power transmission chain.

2 and 3 (Cancelled)

4 (Previously presented) The power transmission chain according to claim 1, wherein the interleaved links of each row form apertures that are aligned in the lateral directions and the interleaved links are pivotally connected by pins extending through the aligned apertures.

5 - 10 (Cancelled)

11 (Previously presented) The power transmission chain according to claim 1, wherein the guide link and the drive links provide uniform stiffness across the row of links.

12 (Previously presented) The power transmission chain according to claim 11, wherein the rows of links include a plurality of drive links, the plurality of drive links providing drive link stiffness and uniform stiffness across the rows of links.

13 (Cancelled)